

---

# KIERNAN SURFING ASSOCIATION

---

1965 - 1972

Established in 1965, the Kiernan Surfing Association was the first surfing organization in New Jersey.

Members negotiated use agreements with private beach owners, held surfing competitions and promoted the legitimacy of surfing. Kiernan Beach (now part of Seven Presidents Park), with its unique pilings and jetty, had the reputation of being home to some of the best waves and best surfers in NJ. During its years of operation, Kiernan became a destination for internationally recognized surfers from across the globe. Now long buried by the sands of time, this beach is memorialized as the home of the legendary Kiernan Surfing Association, and the place where New Jersey surfing first gained the stature that it commands today.

September 24, 2016

